



# San Juan River Watershed

Resources at work from October 1, 2007 - September 30, 2008

## The Colorado Watershed Approach

Instead of the traditional statewide approach in addressing priority resource issues like soil erosion, water quality, grazing lands, wildlife, and animal waste, NRCS looks to Colorado's ten watersheds to identify their particular local resource needs and priorities.

Watershed work groups meet annually to determine which natural resource concerns are most prevalent in their communities.

In turn, Colorado NRCS focuses its resources on addressing those concerns. Colorado's local conservation districts provide leadership in this effort to foster increased decision making at the local level.

## High Priority Resource Concerns in the San Juan River Watershed

- Rangeland Health
- Invasive Species
- Water Quality
- Water Quantity
- Forest Health

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**Fact....** The San Juan River Watershed totals **4,700,000 acres**. It includes all and/or parts of Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, San Juan, and San Miguel Counties. NRCS natural resource specialists are staffed at the Cortez, Dove Creek, Durango, and Pagosa Springs USDA Field Service Centers to provide assistance to watershed residents.

# Watershed Profile

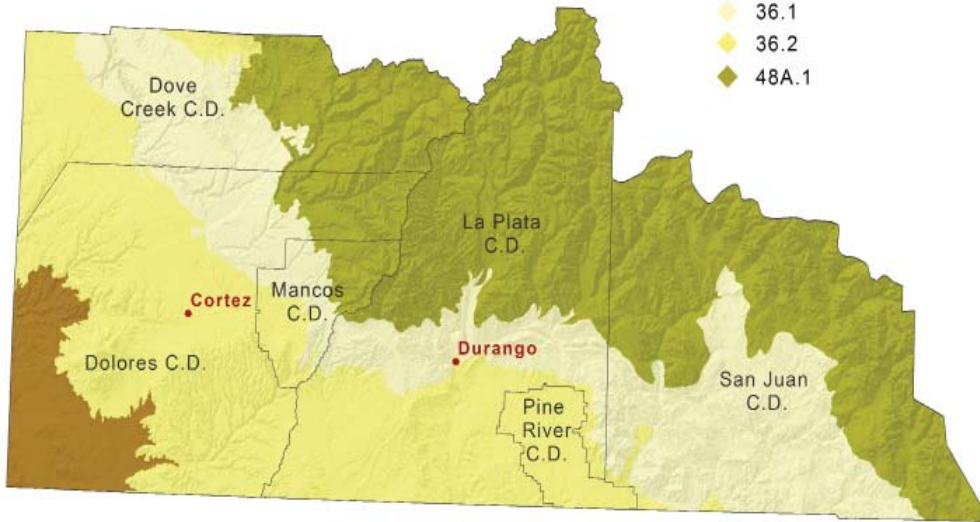
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### Common Resource Area

- 35.2
- 36.1
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- 48A.1

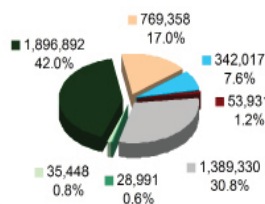


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## San Juan Watershed

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- Bureau of Land Management
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### Surface Land Owner Acres

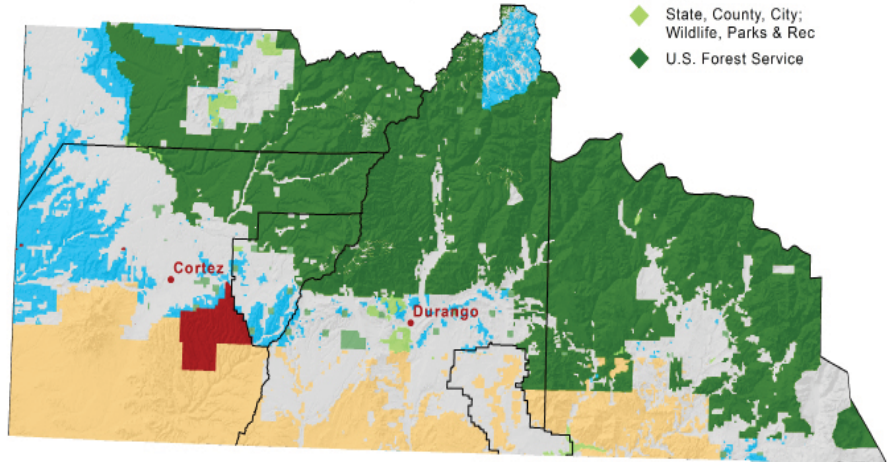


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### Land Owner

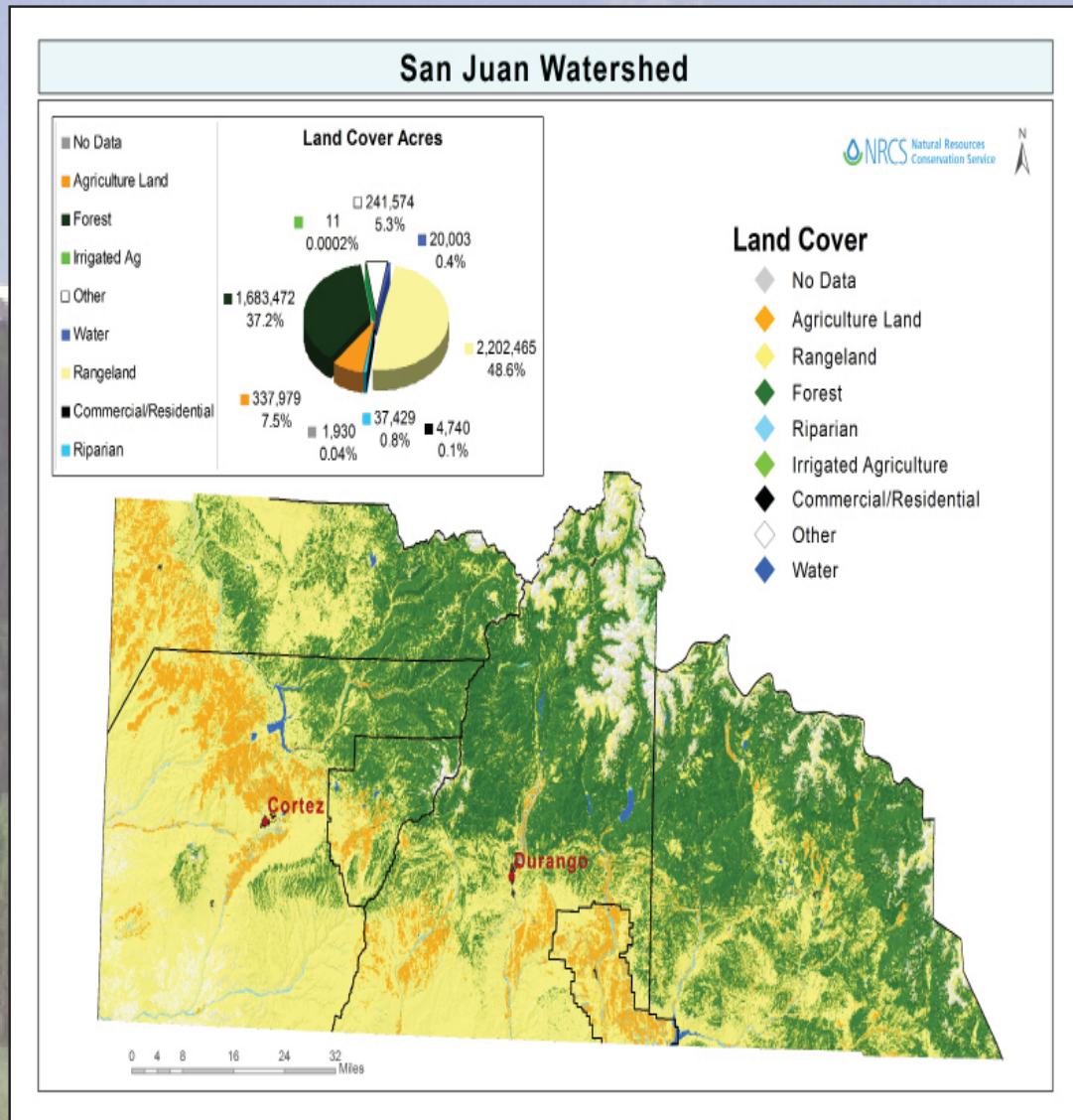
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## 2008 Farm Bill Program Activities

**The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)** was reauthorized in the Farm Bill to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality.

EQIP provides financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and management conservation practices on eligible agricultural land. EQIP may provide cost-share incentives for up to 75 percent of the costs of certain conservation practices.

### FY 2008 EQIP Contract Funding in the San Juan Watershed

Natural Resource Concerns	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Acres Treated	\$ Amount Approved
Water Quality/Quantity	74	66	6610	\$1,585,103
Grazing Land	21	17	3154	\$204,625
Soil Management	15	12	2116	\$107,462
Forestry	9	9	356	\$68,645
Wildlife	4	4	1374	\$29,076
Riparian	3	2	4	\$72,350
Southern Ute	3	3	67	\$7,663
Ute Mountain Ute	2	0	0	\$0
Salinity - McElmo	36	30	809	\$757,034
Salinity - Mancos	18	13	719	\$552,939
Salinity - Wildlife	4	3	32	\$42,817
Invasive Dolores-Mancos-Dove Creek	15	12	188	\$81,384
Invasive Ute Mountain Ute	1	1	226	\$95,004
<b>Totals</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>15,656</b>	<b>\$3,604,101</b>

**The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)** offers landowners technical and financial support to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on their property.

### FY 2008 WRP Statewide Activities

Number of Applications Received	3
Number of Applications Approved	1
Dollar Amount Approved	\$435,750
Acres under Contract	1,162

**The Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)** is a voluntary program that helps farmers and ranchers keep their land in agriculture. It provides matching funds to organizations with existing farmland protection programs to purchase conservation easements or other interests in land.

### FY 2008 FRPP in the San Juan Watershed

County	Type	# Projects	Acres	Fed. Share
Montezuma	Ranch	1	516	\$700,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>

**The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)** is a voluntary program that encourages creation of high quality wildlife habitats that support wildlife populations of National, State, Tribal, and local significance.

### FY 2008 WHIP in the San Juan Watershed

Number of Applications Received	1
Number of Applications Approved	1
Dollar Amount Approved	\$25,031
Acres under Contract	17

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